

Testimony in support of Senate Bill SB0461 - William Zwart.

Honorable Chair and members of the committee,

My name is Will Zwart, and I am testifying in favor of this bill for the simple fact that retired individuals have worked their entire lives to the advancement and benefit of society. They have earned the reward to be relieved of some of the burden of taxes.

I have seen many Americans in favor of this, and the fact is: if you are active working member of society, you pay taxes to keep that society going. But if you've already completed a career, you shouldn't have to pay to be a part of a system that you've already supported most of your adult life, and are now on the outskirts of.

I know many retirees who are being forced to go back to work because of the hyper-inflation and crippled economy right now.

Retirees aren't making an income, and yet they're being forced to pay taxes? That's simply not equality.

If Maryland can afford to keep 53% of Baltimore on welfare, it can certainly afford to reward those who have spent their careers working to keep the state and country running.

I therefore urge you to vote in favor of SB0461.

Thank you.